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Comments on GR 60-3

1. I would question the wording of the third sentence in the first paragraph of the introduction (page 1.). The sentence tells me that the rugged topography causes, or is the principal cause of, a variety in the quality and density of roads in Yugoslavia. It would seem to me that the variation would be more likely caused by a variety of topographic conditions ranging from the flat valley bottoms to the steep and irregular mountains; a widespread or uniformly rugged topography would more likely tend to cause a widespread and uniformly low quality and low density of the road network, rather than a variety, other factors being excluded.

In the body of the text (page 5.) the idea of variety based on variety of topographic conditions is brought out. In addition a variety of road quality and density based on varying levels or stages of regional cultural and technological attainments is described. In addition, an exception where cultural and technological advance has tended to offset the causal effects of topography is listed.

In order to make this part of the introduction fit more closely with the text which follows and to avoid raising questions of the type just raised, it is recommended that the sentence in question be rewritten along these lines:

Partly because of the diverse historical development and the varying stages of cultural and technological attainments of the Yugoslav peoples, and even more because of the variety of topography within the country, the quality of the roads and the density of the road net vary greatly from place to place.

2. Pages 9 to 11 describe the classes and surfaces of roads in Yugoslavia. On page 15, next to last paragraph, the term "surfaced with gravel" is introduced. This term doesn't appear in pages 9 to 11 except

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inferentially in the description of macadamized roads. Is the road described on page 15 a macadamized road or is it a new class of surface that should be defined along with the other surfaces in pages 9 to 11?

3. The terms "hard surfaced" and "macadamized" appear in the first paragraph of the introduction. It seems to me that it would be useful if the reader were referred at this point to that part of the report where these terms are defined.

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